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*State Senator Michelle A. McManus*

**New legislation would protect Michigan women from domestic violence**

My colleagues and I have introduced the Coercive Abortion Prevention Act, a package of bills designed to protect women against coercion during pregnancy, an often neglected form of domestic abuse. This legislation is an important step to ensure a woman who chooses to have her child can make that decision without being pressured or threatened. The CAPA plan:

- Makes it illegal to coerce a female into seeking an abortion;
- Grants a woman the right to a civil lawsuit when she's being coerced;
- Requires abortion providers to screen for potential coercion; and
- Implements an additional 24-hour waiting period if a woman discloses coercion has taken place.

This is an important measure that protects women during a vulnerable period in their lives. Coercion can lead to other, more violent forms of abuse. According to the Centers for Disease Control, approximately one in five women will suffer domestic violence during pregnancy.

**Legislature votes to abolish Michigan's "jobs tax"**

The Michigan Legislature this week sent Governor Granholm legislation to repeal Michigan's "jobs tax," the Single Business Tax on Dec. 31, 2007, two years ahead of schedule. This is a major step forward for Michigan as we work to fix one of our state's biggest barriers to job creation. The Single Business Tax is an antiquated tax that was designed more than 30 years ago when the commerce and economic activity of this state were dramatically different. It was not designed for economic growth and it certainly was not designed for the new economy we have today. House Bill 5743 would eliminate the SBT in 2007, instead of 2009 as it is set now. The bill was amended by the Senate to prohibit the Legislature from replacing the SBT with an increase in the rate or base of taxes on individuals, including the income tax, sales tax, use tax, or real estate taxes on residences. The Senate also amended the bill to require the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors to develop a plan by Jan. 1, 2007, to replace the SBT with business taxes that are more conducive to job creation, investment and economic growth.

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